



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Michael Wiggins Jr., Chairman
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
P.O. Box 39
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Dear Chairman Wiggins:

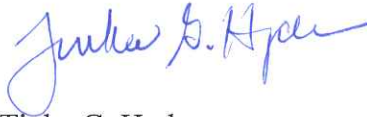
On behalf of Susan Hedman, thank you for your January 29, 2014, letter requesting an extension of the completion date for work required under the Compliance Plan issued by EPA. The Compliance Plan identified Clean Water Act (CWA) violations at the Bad River Band's three wastewater treatment facilities, and outlined a timetable for specific actions required to resolve these violations by January 31, 2014. Citing unforeseen contracting and weather-related delays, your letter requests an extension of the final completion date for the Bad River Wastewater Treatment Facility's control system upgrades and mechanical work to June 30, 2014.

EPA reviewed your request and approves the extension of the final completion date. In discussions with your staff we confirmed that all contracting issues have been resolved and work is expected to begin as soon as weather conditions allow. EPA recognizes that the Band's wastewater operators have made significant progress in completing required wastewater training and certifications. However, the Band's wastewater operators lack laboratory certification. The modified Compliance Plan includes a milestone for completing laboratory training and certification by May 30, 2014. In the interim, EPA is willing to provide the Band's operators with laboratory training and technical support.

Enclosed, please find the modified Compliance Plan that describes specific steps that the Band must take to address remaining CWA violations by June 30, 2014. EPA plans to monitor each step and associated milestone and all other CWA requirements applicable to the facility. As reflected in the modified Compliance Plan, if milestones are missed or additional violations occur, EPA may take formal enforcement against the Band to ensure compliance with the CWA and protect human health and the environment.

If you or your staff have questions concerning any requirements in the modified Compliance Plan, please contact Dean Maraldo at (312) 353-2098. Legal inquiries should be directed to Barbara Wester, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 353-8514.

Sincerely,



Tinka G. Hyde
Director, Water Division

Enclosure
Modified Compliance Plan

cc: Pat Hunt, Operations Manager, Bad River Utilities
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